

Welch's case slated Tuesday

Utica Councilman Howard Welch's court attempt to reclaim the Republican line on this November's election ballot has been adjourned until Tuesday morning in Supreme Court.



WELCH

Welch, who was removed from the GOP line by the Oneida County Board of Elections after violations were found in his required nominating petition, is going to court in an effort to be reinstated to the Republican line. No matter what happens to his appeal to be heard before Supreme Court Justice John Grow, Welch, R-2, will still be on the Nov. 3 ballot as a Conservative candidate.

The objection to Welch's nominating petition was filed by his Democratic opponent, David Roberts. Welch, a six-term incumbent, needed to file 63 valid signatures to qualify for the GOP line; he filed 92 names, but 34 were ruled invalid, leaving him five names short.

Welch, who also plans to run as an independent this year, is being represented in his appeal by Utica attorney E. Porter Felt's law firm.

Clean-up official briefs neighbors

Utica Councilman Howard Welch, R-2, and about 20 neighbors of the defunct Bossert Manufacturing plant met yesterday with the official in charge of a toxic waste cleanup on the site to air their health worries.

Welch said Jack Harmon, of the federal Environmental Protection Agency, tried to answer the group's questions as best he could, but final answers hinged on the clean-up's completion in a few weeks.

About 50 vats and sumps filled with toxic chemicals are still being drained, Welch said, so at the moment, any evidence of leaching would await the results of later soil samples around the plant.

Walls and ceilings also are being sprayed with chemicals to neutralize PCBs, which are suspected of being cancer-causing agents, and the question of whether any PCBs on those surfaces became airborne in the neighborhood went unanswered, Welch said.

Harmon said the plant was sealed while the spraying was going on, but some of the residents said they could smell fumes, and one or two said they felt ill in recent days, Welch said.

Herkimer County 4-H Fair

It's official, school

By **EDWIN DARDEN**
Observer-Dispatch

Harold Switts, former Clinton superintendent, will head the Utica school district until a permanent superintendent is hired.



SWITTS

Switts and the board will sign a contract that extends until Jan. 15, 1988, with an option to extend that date if needed.

District attorneys Lynn Simon and Anthony LaFache are drafting the

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agreement. LaFache completed today.

As interim superintendent, Switts will receive \$350 per month, plus a full week, eight or more.

The board reviewed a temporary fill-in resigning on Sept. 14 and stay until a permanent replacement is found for Francis Rodio, who is retiring.

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A walk to reme

25 activists take anniversary stroll to gate at Griffiss

By **DEBBIE GROOM**
Observer-Dispatch

ROME — Forty-two years ago yesterday, thousands of residents in the Japanese city of Hiroshima were killed when an atom bomb was dropped on the city.

Yesterday in Rome, lifesize cardboard cutouts — colored black to signify death — were placed on utility poles on Floyd Avenue near Griffiss Air Force Base here in remembrance of the Hiroshima dead — estimated at about 140,000.

About 25 people from throughout central New York walked along the two-mile Floyd Avenue route, placing the cutouts, singing songs and discussing the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II.

They also prayed that another atom bomb never be detonated again.

Pax Christi of Syracuse and the Griffiss Peace Project staged yesterday's peace walk and vigil.

Prudence Wayland-Smith, 79, of Oneida, was among the participants.

